

U.S. in dark over Morocco

WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). — The United States was not informed beforehand of the despatch of Moroccan irroops to help Zaire government forces fight insurgents in copper-rich Shaba Province, the State Department said today A State Department spokesman said the United States had not proposed the despatch of the Moroccan troops and was not told in advance of the Moroccan decision. Morocco's armed forces use some U.S. equipment and also receive training in the United States. The Moroccan government would need U.S. per-mission to use this equipment in Zaire. "We've had no such request," the spokesman said.



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Rightists lose ground in battle for key buth Lebanon villages

the two towns has stopped," said Abu Iyad, in charge of Palestinian-leftist forces at ne-

arby Ibl Al-Saqi "but there is

It was not immediately clear

to what extent the Israelis are

helping supply the two towns. But long clouds of dust thrown up by Israeli military vehicles on the dirt roads across the

frontier indicated considerable

movement there. Fightera here and in Ibl Al

Saqi said that Israeli Phantom

combat aircraft had repeatedly

flown over the Khyam, Marje-

youn-Qlei'a triangle early to-day. "They are taking aerial photographs in order to direct

rightist artillery fire on our

positions," Abu Iyad said. Local fighters said the right-ists in Marjeyoun were reinfor-cing their positions, digging trenches and strengthening sa-ndhag harrier

According to commanders in Khyam, the Palestinians and

leftists have surrounded Mar-

jeyoun and commandos are

staging hit-and-run raids into

The Phalangist spokesman

said rightist forces in the sou-

th were preparing for another counter-attack against Palestin-

The Palestinians confirmed

Eye-witnesses reported that armed units of the Syrian-ba-

there was much evidence of

rightist preparations for such

cked Saiga guerrilla group, a part of the Palestine Libera-

tion Organisation were head-ing for the battle-front from

ian-leftist positions.

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the town.

an assault.

still movement at night."

RUT, April 8 (R). — Rene-i fighting was reported to-from southern Lebanon

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pre rightist forces have be-battling Palestinian and lef-Lebanese units for control ver villages.

spokesman for the right-g Phalangist Party gave the admission from his side strategic hillitop village of beh which their opponents chimed to have seized on day. Taybeh is near the Leese-Israell border.

the loss of another village, am, but be also said there and possibility the Pales-ans and leftists could get that to the nearby rightist signoid of Marjeyoun.

Palestinian-leftist military mander in Khyam revealed C 12 - 24 of that the Palestinian lea-hip had ordered its com-do forces in Lebanon's sethe south to break up the - backed rightists along the - ler with Israel.

tain Nabil Moussa, com-der of the leftist-Palestin-forces which stormed the tegle village overlooking Isyesterday.

The political leadership has in a decision to break up security belt along the Is-1 border," Captain Moussa As he spoke, his words e punctuated by the crash-"ieavy-calibre shells fired "I positions inside Israel and "I mearby rightist-held Mar--nin.

the port city of Tyre. As both sides seemed to pre-"he firder still stands," the n last Thursday when righforces overran the town of beh. モーニス 20 captain's statement was first official confirmation the present Palestinian-lediffersiva in the south was ned by the leadership of Palestine Liberation Orga-tion - - almost certainly af-consultation with Syria a**r** (M) other Arab governmenta.



ARMED WATCH -- A patrol of heavily armed Israeli border guards (right) watches a gro-up of Christian pilgrims go past along the Via Dolorosa in the old city of Jerusalem carry-ing a heavy wooden cross during the Good Friday procession. (AP wirephoto).

Geneva without Palestinians will be "null and void", Arafat says in Moscow

any Middle East peace confer-

ence from the outset unless the

Palestinians took part on equal

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Mr. Arafat.

MOSCOW, April 8 (R). - PLO leader Yasser Arafat was quo-ted today as saying a Middle East solution would be "null-and void" without the participation of the Palestinian peo-

Mr. Arafat made the statement in an interview with the official Soviet Tass news agency issued only a day after be met Communist Party chief Le-onid Brezhnev and received assurance of continued Soviet backing for the Palestinian ca-

"Any solution to the Palestinian problem, adopted behind the back of the Palestinians, and without their participation, will be null and void", said Mr. Arafat, who heads the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The meeting with Mr. Brezhnev was "of historic importan-ce and results will undoubted-

support," be said.

Israelis admit shelling

south Lebanon all week

urces said.

carried by the official Soviet news agency Wafa today quo-ted Mr. Brezhnev as saying the news agency Tass or other So-Kremlin would refuse to attend

Observers in the Lebanese capital said it would amount to a significant change in Soviet policy on Middle East peace

was given by Mr. Brezhnev to The reference to the Soviet Union's refusal to attend a Mi-

rt, Wafa said this assurance peace conference.

viet media.

talks such as the proposed re-convened Geneva Middle East

Previously, the Soviets had indicated that the Geneva conference -- which met briefly and inconclusively -- should

Rabin's resignation threatens Israel with constitutional crisis

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 8, (R). - Israeli leaders plunged into crisis talks today on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's wish to relinquish office beca-use of illegal bank accounts he and his wife maintained abroad.

One issue today was that of who would lead the dominant Labour Party in general elec-tions on May 17. Adherents of Defence Minister Shimon Peres were particularly active in lo-

bbying. Even more immediate problems, however, were those of the leadersbip between now and the election and of just bow Mr. Rabin, 55, could fulfil his wish to lay down office at once. Israeli law forbids a caretaker premier resigning -- and Mr. Rabin has beeo just that since Dec. 21, when be gave President Ephraim Katzir his cabinet's resignation so as to

go to the country in May. Mr. Rabin met the president

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Mr. Yigal Allon

today, presumably seeking so-me formula whereby he would keep his title but -- perhaps taking leave of absence -- no longer carry out the job. Informed sources later said he would not tell the caretaker cabinet bow be planned to step down until Monday, while a presidential spokesman said on-ly that they had discussed Mr.

Rabin's discharging his functions as prime minister until after the elections. In political circles it was fe-It that no way had yet been found round the legal obstacle

and that no consensus had been reached on a new, interim lcader Mr. Rabin's decision sent leaders of his Labour Party into

hurried consultations on a successor to lead it in the elections.

Mr. Peres lost a party lea-dership ballot of 3,000 delega-tes by only 41 votes to Mr. Rabin last month. Today he saw leaders of the

leftwing Mapam group, a small but important component of the Labour Allgnment which threatened to withdraw from alliance with the Labour Party if Mr. Peres were to head it. There were reports that De-puty Premier Yigal Allon, who is also foreign minister, would challenge Mr. Peres for the direction of the party when the Labour Central Committee meets to discuss the issue on Su-

Opposition leaders said Mr. Rabin's resignation showed that the entire scandal-plagued Labour movement should be ousted from office. It has ru-

Washington "confident" that Rabin's

resignation will not impede M.E. talks

nday.

of the state in 1948. Mr. Rabin's decision to lea-

Cyprus talks mooted for June 15

VIENNA, April 8 (R). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim bopes to arrange a new round of Cyprus communal talks in Vienna starting on June 15, diplom-

atic sources said today. Whether the timetable can be maintained depends on progress in detailed discussions between Greek and Turkisb community negotiators in Nicosia next month, the sources said. U.N. officials

canvassed the June 15 date when the two communities ended seven days of negotiations in Vienna yesterday. Mr. Waldheim attended the start of the Vienna talks

last week, and plans to return here in June, the sources said. Conference officials said the Vienna negotiators

would meet in Nicosia between May 5-15.

ve office, announced last night, followed recommendations by the attorney-general's office that bis wife Leah face an official inquiry, and possible prosecution, for keeping foreign currency accounts in the United States.

Price ; 50 fils

Mr. Rabin was ambassador to the U.S. when the accounts were opened but they should have been closed some years

Informed sources said Mr. Rabin might also face some sort of prosecution If he waives parliamentary immunity, as be has indicated he wishes to do, in solidarity with his wife. She managed the accounts.

The finance ministry savs the Rabin accounts stood at \$21,000 when Mr. Rabin ended his five-year term in Washington. It appeared there were only about \$2,000 left when the existence of the accounts became known



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ntil it was captured by the. stinians and leftists, Khyformed one apex of a trian-of rightist-held towns, along 1 Qiel'a to the west and jeyoun to the north. All e overlook the Israeli bor-

hyam's army barrack, taken lawn yesterday in fierce fi-ng, commands a field of r stretching from the an-t Beaufort Crusader castle in Israeli fire-point on the spied Syrian Golan Heights.

forrespondents taken on a r of the newly-captured. I today could clearly bear ali batteries near Metulla n up, joining artillery and tar fire from rightist posi-is in Marjeyoun. Shells lanon the area around Khyam he rate of two per minute. afort Castle, some 10 kms. th on a ridge commanding valley of the River Litaalso came under shelling. ust how close the links been rightist forces in south 'anon and Israel have grown I underlined today by a dis-t in Khyam of captured weplies -- including cans of I with Hebrew writing. Corpondents were also shown tes of mortar shells with brew markings. stael's support of the right

apparently simed at creat-a security belt along its thern frontier -- but the the now is frayed with the from here, the Palestinians their leftwing comrades-sins can cut the road beten Marjeyoun and Qlei'a in artillery and mortar fire. Daytime movement between

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pare for intensified fighting, political and diplomatic activi-ty aimed at resolving the conflict in the south continued. Lebanese Foreign Minister saving

Fuad Boutros today met Soviet Ambassador Alexander Solda-tov for an bour, to discuss the situation. But there was no indication of what conclusions had been reached during the discussions.

Travellers from a leftist area of the south said rightist forces had pulled back from a point near the village of Aytaroun which they had been trying to overrun for two days. The travellers said four Is-

do delegation, apparently to seek clarification of Mr. Brezhraeli military vehicles had renev's Middle East proposals, outlined in a speech three weinforced 12 others which entered the isolated village of Qozeh yesterday, and intermiteks ago. Mr. Arafat returned tent artillery bursts could be heard in the Bint Jbell area.

TEL AVIV, April 8 (R). — Is-raeli artillery has been in ac-tion against Palestinian-leftist

positions in aouth Lebanon nea-

rly every day this week, mili-tary sources admitted here to-

Today'e disclosure, made at a briefing for foreign journal-

ists, was the first word on the subject since Monday, when officials said batteries on this

side of the border had fired

The military sources said the

latest shelling took place last night after Palestinian shells

landed near Israel's town of

Metulia and border settlement

into Lebanon.

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to Damascus today. In Beirut the Palestinian

immediate border area, the so-

rael'e policy was to silence fi-re when "Israel's territory was

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Mr. Arafat flew into Moscow

on Monday at the head of a powerful Palestinian comman-

with \$1.5b in the bag ly favourably affect future de-CAIRO, April 8 (R). - Egypvelopments" he was quoted as

tian Deputy Premier for Eco-In his interview today, Mr. Arafat thanked the Soviet Unnomic Affairs, Dr. Abdul Moniem Qaisuni retuined bere from Kuwait today with assuraion for its support of the Pances that at least part of Egy. lestinian liberation movement. pt's chronic economic problems "The Arabs and the Paleswould be solved. tinians highly appreciate and will never forget Soviet econo-mic, military and other aid and

In a 13-day tour of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Kuwalt, Dr. Qaisuni was able to reach an agreement whereby the four countries would make available to Egypt \$1.5 billion to soive the problem of short-term loans and banking facilities. The sum was originally part of the two billion dollars set by

the four countries in a special fund to belp strengthen the Egyptian economy which Egypt was supposed to use over five years. \$500 million were provided to Egypt earlier.

Dr. Qaisuni said on arrival that both Kuwait and Saudi Arabia had agreed to postpone claiming their deposits in Egyptian banks totalling £389 and £408 million respectively.

In an interview published in today'a semi-official Cairo daily Al Ahram Dr. Qaisuni said be and his aides were confronted with four different kinds of loans at the beginning of the year which needed a solution.

These were £834 million to cover bank credits obtained on short terms of between six months and one year and at high interest rates of between

15 and 18 per cent. The other kind was £995 million representing Arab desposits and interest thereon. Foremost of these -- which bad already fallen due -- were the Saudi and the Kuwaiti deposits, he said.

Dr. Qaisuni added that public commitments representing debts due to World Bank, In-ternational Monetary Fund (IMF), Arab development funds, the United States, West Germany, Japan, Britain, France and Iran totalled £1,345 million. The fourth was about £1,650 million due to East European

countries in civilian and military loans, be said. Dr. Qaisuni explained that part of the \$1.5 billion would be used to settle short-term

loans with their high interest rates while the rest would be channelled to development purposes.

This will relieve the contiuous and direct pressure on Egypt's economy and on the nerves of the authors of the country's economic and financial policies," he said.

it had complete confidence Israel would continue to participate actively and fully in the search for Middle East peace following the sudden resigna-tion of Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

nce that Israel will continue to participate actively and fully towards peace in the Middla East," State Department spo-kesman Hodding Carter said. "We do not expect this se-

ocess in Israel."

ignation.

the meeting, which lasted one hour, had been arranged before Mr. Rabin announced last night that he was quitting politics over the issue of illegal bank accounts he and his wife maintained abroad.

spokesman, said the United Sta-

obi last May. The draft calls the situation in Southern Africa a threat to international peace and security and deplores those states and foreign economic interest which have continued to collaborate with the South African government.

The new economic draft proposes a series of meeting among non-aligned countries be-fore the 1979 summit conference in Havana, including :

on raw materials.

nking developments.

nomic and social development

Other meetings were proposed on health, insurance, scientific and technological development, tourism and the role of women in development, conference sources said.

tes had close and friendly re-lations with Mr. Rabin's goverament "and we fully expect these relations will exist with the next government." Asked about prospects for Middle East peace negotiations in light of the Israeli political

"We have complete confidedevelopments, he replied : "We do not expect this process to affect the general pace of negotiations," Mr. Dinitz said Mr. Vance briefed him on his recent visit

arch to be interrupted by the workings of tha democratic pr-

He made his statement to reporters shortly after Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz called on Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and relayed the circumstances of Mr. Rabin's res-

Mr. Dinitz told reporters that

Crack Moroccan troops dispatched to "evict mercenaries" from Zaire

ccan Armed Forces, with a vi-

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the country, it hopes to con-

blem in a strictly African fra-

Zaire's President Mobutu has

accused Angola and Cuba of

backing the invasion of Shaba

province -- formerly Katanga

mework," he said.

1960, when Moroccan troops formed part of a United Nations peace-keeping force. He said that 17 years later "Afri-ca'a heart is bleeding again as a sending an expeditionary force to Zaire to "evict mercenaries who have invaded its territory." No indication was given of result of repeated blows of agthe size of the force. But crack gression perpetrated from outtroops from King Hassan's 90,000-strong armed forces are side." Morocco "is convinced that tha cause of peace in Africa is indivisible, and in answering already being airlifted and the vanguard was due in Kinshasa

the appeal of the president of the Zaire republic by placing immediately at his disposal a contingent of the Royal Morotoday. Foreign Minister Hamed Laraki announced Morocco'a decisico in a message to M. Edem Kodja, Foreign Minister of Togo and current chairman of ew to defending the national the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Council of Ministers. tribute to circumscribe the pro-Dr. Laraki said one of the OAU's principal missions was "safeguard and consolidate to the independence and sovereig-.... as well as the territnty orial integrity" of African states and to combat subversive activity by one state in another. Dr. Laraki referred to the bloody disorders that swept

-- which began last month. They have denied this. The invaders are former Ka-Zaire -- then the Congo -- in tangese gendarmes - - men who

supported the late Moise Tshombe, who led an attempt to secede in the 1960s.

Kinshasa Radio today broa-dcast tha text of a message by President Mobutu to the OAU saying his country was the victim of "a horde of mercenaries in the pay of the Russo-Cuban alliance ... "

The message appealed for help from African nations through the present chairman of the OAU, Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of Mauritius.

In Kinshasa today, a Sudanese envoy denied reports that Zairese exiles in Sudan were preparing to attack the coun-try, Zaire's Azap news agency

reported. Mr. Lawrence Wol Wol, special envoy of Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri, aaid his government categorically denied auch reports.

An Ethiopian fact-finding mission was also in Kinshasa today.

RABAT, April 8 (R). - Moro-cco confirmed today that it is

A working committee of experts to discuss regional clea-

ring and payments unions. month to enable member coun-

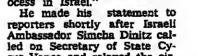
of non-aligned nations.

A conference in September to approve the statutes of the council of producer associations

A meeting of finance ministry and central bank representatives to study investment opportunities in non-aligned countries, capital movement and ba-

A meeting in New York next tries to sign the statutes of the solidarity fund for the eco-

Jody Powell said today the United States still saw no constructive role for the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Middle East peace talks as long Mr. Carter, the department as it refused to recognise Israel's right to exist.



st peace conference. He said the question of U.S. military aid to Egypt had come up at his meeting with Mr. Vance and the secretary of state had reiterated that no commto Moscow, where the Middle itments were made to President East was one of the major to-Sadat.

pics discussed, and also on ta-iks held here this week with

Egyptian President Anwar Sa-

The ambassador said there

was no indication of any cha-

nge in the Soviet position on the staffed Geneva Middle Ea-

U.S. can't see PLO role in M.E. talks until it recognises Israel

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WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). -He made his remark when White House Press Secretary asked at a press briefing to comment on a statement by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat here this week that the PLO was becoming more responsible.

Mr. Powell said the U.S. view of the PLO had not chan-

Non-aligned states stress economics rence on Trade and Develop-ment (UNCTAD) held in Nair-

The proposed resolution on Korea calls for withdrawal of all foreign troops from South Kores, termination of the United Nations command and peaceful reunification of the country without outside interfere-DCe.

But it drops the Colombo de-claration's "deep concern over the grave situation in Korea created by the imperialists ... m which a war may break out at any moment" and the reference to nuclear weapons.

The draft notes the recent statement by United States President Carter that the U.S. and the Soviet Union had agreed to consider demilitarisation in the Indian Ocean.

It stresses the non-aligned stand for a truly independent foreign policy and a commitment not to get involved in great power rivalry, the sources said.

On economic affairs, the draft says there has been little or no improvement in the situation of developing countries since the Colombo summit.

It expresses deep disappointment and concern over the lack of progress at the north-south talks in Paris between developed and developing countries and over the follow-up by developed countries to the fourth United Nations Confe-

The Israell gunners fired at targets west of the Litani Ri-ver towards Amoun and into The five-day meeting of the 25-member bureau opened here an area north of Marjeyoun, a stronghold of Lebanese Phalanyesterday. The sources said the draft strongnom or Lepanese rhatai-gist forces, the sources said. Israeli batteries had been in action each time that shells fir-ed by the Paleutinians at Pha-langist positions fell in the devoted 17 pages to economic affairs and 10 pages to political matters. The emphasis of the political

part of the draft is again un Southern Africa, and it strongly condemned the white minority governments in South Africa and Rhodesia, they said. But the sources said the polltical draft is a much milder document than the declaration issued after tha Colombo summit conference of non-aligned

nations last August. It makes no reference to. the Colombo call for an oil embargo against France and Israel for supplying arms to So-uth Africa, the sources said. The embargo was never put into effect.

Draft resolutions on the Middle East, Cyprus, Indochina and Latin America are similar to those approved in Colombo but less detailed, they said.

threatened."

NEW DELHI, April 8 (R). -Political and economic commi-trees of the Coordinating Bureau of Non-aligned States today considered a draft communique which conference sour-ces said concentrated on economic affairs and was milder

on some previous non-aligned political stands.

Only Italy's students are now taking the revolutionary path

In Britain the ever-militant London. School of Economics

Italy's Communist Party, which in times past would have been spurred to all-out revolutionary struggle by the current economic crisis, calls for a government of national unity and tells the workers they must be prepared to accept austerity measures even harsher than those already agreed between the government and unions. Now it finds itself clashing with unruly university students bent on following a revolutionary path.

ROME, (Gemini) — Stalin used cept austerity measures even to say that Togliatti, the harsber than those already agcommunist leader, reed between the government and the unions.

Unruly students are called to order by communist leaders and lectured on the need to study seriously, to accept sacrifices for the sake of their education and to lead a disciplined, morally worthy student life

And when, a few days ago, the students in Rome occupied the university to protest against educational reforms proposed by the government was not a member of the government who ventured into their midst to argue the case for the reforms but a leading communist trade unionist, Luciano Lama.

The result was a rlot. Signor Lama and the communist students who formed his bodyguard were forced to flee from the campus, pursued by the mass of "autonomous" students with missiles and shouts of "Lama, go back to Tibet!" Police then moved in with tear gas and hulldozers and the students were driven out. leaving sixty wounded and halfa-dozen vebicles ahlaze behind

them .

Italian would never make a revolution. "Look at him", he would sneer. "He'a just a professor" Many people today who are

present communist leader. Enrico Berlinguer. And nn wonder: For under Berlinguer's command the Italian C.P., the most powerful Communist Party in the western world, has strayed farther away from the revolutionary

55-year history. The Christian Democrats, the priest-backed party that has ruled Italy since the end of the war, is only kept in power today by tha communists' support in Parliament.

The current economic crisis, which in times past would have spurred the communists to an all-out ~ revolutinnary struggle, prompts them today to call for a government of national unity, excluding only the Fascists on the extreme right. Signor Berlinguer tells a workers' rally in Milan that they must be prepared to ac-

out to make a revolution take an even poorer view of Italy's

path than at any time in its

is in the throes of a sit-in, and in Turkey pitched battles on some of the campuses have forced the police to frisk the students for weapons every time they go to classes. Graffiti on the walls of

Italian universities are already threatening "a new sixty-eight", and other student slogans of the bour revive the anti-capitalist themes of that turbulent year.

Also noticeable again are the attempts by the students to establisb links with the workers, and especially with the unemployed.

In 1968 those attempts signally failed wherever they were tried -- in Italy, France and West Germany. I shall be surp-rised if they do not fail again. Industrial workers, most of whom left school in their midteens have little sympathy for disgruntled students wbom they regard, quite rightly, as a privileged minority. The Italian workers have their grievances: They don't

like the government's new austerity measures, and some of them, notably the militant metal-workers, have already struck against them. But they are not out to make

a revolution, any more than Togliatti was in his time or Berlinguer is now: Gone are the days of Marx and Engels when the workers of Europe had nothing to lose but their

Basque anti-government violence erupts in desire for autonomy

Yet unlike Catalonia, the

Castilian Spain. Many

Spain's Basque region has erupted in anti-government viol-ence again. Thousands stormed through San Sebastian and attacked riot police. They were protesting against the killing by police of two members of ETA, the Basque separatist move-ment, who were alleged to have opened fire on the police from a car. In another San Sebastian incident Rasques occupied and the arena of the European Indoor Athletics championships.

SAN SEBASTIAN, (Gemini) in the Indo-European group Gora Euskadi Azkatatuna is a and certain genetic characteslogan that may be seen on ristics -- an unusual blood walls all over southern Europe. group, for example -- that Roughly translated it means: mark them off distinctly from 'Freedom for the Basque counother Spaniards. try", that tiny area of land in northern Spain, whose peo-ple are fighting to control their own affairs and preserve their Basque region has no history as a separate state within the last thousand years. In spite of a long tradition of local autonomy it has long been asidentity.

Most of the two hundred odd political prisoners in Spanisb sociated with the development prisons are Basques. Some are of members of the Basque separatist movement ETA (the initials stand for Basqueland and freedom) who have been con-

vinced of killing. Most have

tain parts of the region. Two of the four Basque provinces, Navarra and Alava, backed Franco during the civil war. They were rewarded by the dictator and today are the only Spanish provinces to en-joy anything resembling autonomous privileges.

There are other divisions too. The Basque country is one of the two or three richest areas in Spain. Those who enjoy its wealth have close links with Madrid and are fiercely opposed to nationalism.

But the nationalists claim that apart from the five per cent who make up the ruling elite, the desire for autonomy is universal. Out of an overall population of under three million, less than a quarter now speak Euskera, the region's

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Bassam Bishuti Absurdity's loophole By

Of Easter eggs and rabbits

The connection between the Easter egg and Easter rabbit has always intrigued me I, until quite recently, I have not been able the Easter rabbit has always intrigued me and, until quite recently, I have not been able to discover what brought the first to the second and what entrusted the second with the first. My knowledge of biology, scant as it is, tells me that eggs are produced by hens and that rabbits, no matter what they might produce, do not produce eggs. So why, I ask myself, do we at Easter entrust rabbits with colouring and hiding eggs for us to recover? And, if we insist on having rabbits do the job, why are eggs and not anything else designated for the occasion?

Thinking about the problem plentifully I finally hit upon what I believe is the answer. The one telling clue which gave me the key to the answer lay in the fact that upon recover-ing the hard-boiled eggs, which the rabbits hide away from our eyes, we break them, in order to get them by smaching their hasts order to eat them, by smashing their heads against each other as hard as we can -- we do not knock them against any old table as we are wont to do at any other informal time in the year and we do not, as we are suppos-ed to do when in more civilised company, hit delicately across their heads with a knife.

It would seem, way back in history before the coming of the human race, that a part of the world was populated by eggs. These living and breathing creatures were a notoriously mischievous lot. They were quarrelsome, a bunch of dishonest liars and cheats, and stubborn beyond compare. Their one outstanding characteristic, nevertheless, was that they regarded themselves as excellent in all ways; they thought that they were always right, intelligent, honest and absolutely clever --hence our epithet: Egghead.

Across the river from where these eggs lived was a colony of quiet, gentle, even naive creatures who resembled to a great degree our present-day rabbits. Uncounted generations of naive rabbits finally, once upon a time, pro-duced in a dirty hovel of a place in the ter-rain of this colony a supremely gentle baby rabbit. Early in his life he began to astound his elders with mouthfuls of intelligent philo-sophical discourse upon the better life of honesty and truth. But they grew tired of him; they were too naive to understand philosophy and much too set in their ways to want to change. So he said that a prophet has no place among his own people and crossed the river to the place where the eggs lived.

Soon after his arrival there -- being very intelligent -- he noticed how evil and wicked were these eggs and he decided he was being called to teach them to be honest and good. He gave himself the high title of Teacher-Rabbit and began roaming the countryside where these eggs had their dwellings speaking to them day and night of honesty, truth, beauty and the like.

Being eggheads they laughed at him and made a mockery of his teachings. "Go mend yourself", they shouled at him, "telling us of beauty with ears like these!" Some of them screamed: "What are you on about? We are the world's only honest creatures. Go home Teacher-Rabbitt

Being a sensitive rabbit he was sad. But being an intelligent rabbit he realised that the way of truth is a hard way and that he had to continue that way and teach the stubborn

Being a determined rabbit he went forth

and made a great big mistake around the beg-

inning of spring -- which in the language of the eggs was called Easter because they

thought, and always believed they were right,

that only on that day does the sun rise in the

broken Great Egg, who was the victim of his crime, no stones were to be used. The priests ordered that some 300 of the cream of tha population's youth must sacrifice themselves hurling themselves at Teacher-Rabbit until he died. and the internation of the second

And so it passed. On that day Teacher-Rabbit was stood in the middle of the city's Rannit was stood in the middle of the city's public square, the huge Glory-to-Great-Egg Square, and, after the populace were allowed their fill in taunting and mocking him, 300 youthful eggs darted forth at him. Within the space of the hour Teacher-Rabbit was dead ... and so were the 300 eggs.

It so happened, soon after, that a primitive species of the human race arrived into the neighbourhood with designs to invade and conquer the fertile terrain of the eggs. The eggs had no alternative but to fight. How-ever, they suddenly realised that the land did not have sufficient eggs for an army he-cause the best of their wurths had sachling cause the best of their youths had sacrificed themselves in killing Teacher-Rabbit. It was then that the egg nation began to understand what a vile and wicked thing it had done.

Their remorse was so great and so public that for days, under the shadow of the impen-ding invasion, male and female eggs were to be seen almiessly wandering the streets, weepbe seen aimlessly wandering the streets, weep-ing and begging the heavens for forgiveness. The priests began to worry of a popular up-rising against them. They called for an Extra-ordinary Session of the Supreme Council --the second in living memory -- and all the elders of the land trekked forth to the capital. Despite the awareness of danger by all it was a stormy session in which the priests were accused of high treason in committing Teacher-Rabbit to death.

The priests realised they had to act fast or else they would lose everything. They hit upon a bright idea. They suggested to the Suprems Council that a delegation be sent to the neighbouring colony of rabbits asking for help in the forthcoming war. The delegation was authorised to accept any conditions the rabbits may insist upon if a joint egg-rabbit war effort succeeded in routing the enemy.

By this time the rabbits had begun to ap-preciate the greatness of Teacher-Rabbit whom they had ignored and caused to leave their land. When the egg delegation arrived they felt they had a chance to do something to honour the memory of Teacher-Rabbit.

"It was because of your stubborness and i clever eggheadedness that this has now befal-len you," the rabbits" Big Chief told the depu-tation. "You must make amends for killing the noble Teacher-Rabbit," he insisted. All the members of the delegation, without fail, hod-ded their heads in approval and acceptance." "You are right, Big Chief," the delegation's speaker said. "We are ready to do anything you want " _ f

After a lot of consultation on the part of the elders of the rabbits, the eggs were told of the condition: "If, upon aiding you to heat. the enemy, you agree that for all time any rabbit who lays his bands on any number of. eggs on the day you call E allowed to smash their stubborn theads together, then we agree to help you" The eggs E at 12

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is not a great loss for anyone, as he was the symbol and the epitome of the indecisiveness that remains the overriding hallmark of Israel. He was a compromise prime minister when he first came into office following the resignation of Golda Meir, and he has always carried out the duties of his office with a lack of both vision and certitude. At a time when Israel required bold leadership to make major decisions, it had to make do with Mr. Rabin, who leaves office without having made good on one of his government's biggest tests -- the decision to move the "unauthorised" Kafr Qaddoum settlement to a different site. The settlers are still there and the settlement grows, with help from the Israeli army.

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It would be wrong to stress now that Mr. Rabin's departure throws Israeli politics into turmoil, because turmoil already reigns. The only new thing we have now is the novelty of unscheduled turmoil. Underneath, nothing has changed in Israel. The combination of rival political groups virtually assures that nobody will be able to lead the Israeli people into meaningful talks with the Arabs. For Mr. Rabin to have said in his resignation announcement that he is the best man to lead Israel into peace and prevent war was rather ludicrous in view of his statement last week that the only place the Israelis could meet the Palestinians is on the battlefield. With people like Mr. Rabin leading the Israelis, the battlefield rendezvous is guaranteed.

Several weeks ago, when the Palestine National Council was meeting in Cairo, everybody was asking the PLO to come up with "signals" of moderation towards Israel. But signals for whom? For Mr. Rabin? For the Likud? For Mr. Yadin's chic new political party? For Peres, Allon, Dayan or Eban? The Israelis keep claiming that they will not talk to the Palestinians or the PLO. But the problem of starting a dialogue works in reverse also. Who are the Arabs to hope to make peace with in Israel? A premier who could not keep his pledge to move some settlers? Likud people who want to keep the West Bank? People like Mr. Allon who want to keep Israeli military outposts throughout the occupied areas?

The only thing noteworthy about Mr. Rabin's departure is that it takes one confused element out of an already cluttered field of many other confused and directionless people. Mr. Rabin himself is only symptomatic of the greater political chaos in Israel that is a mirror of the empty places where self-assuredness should prevail.

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Three Jordanian dailies took up different subjects in their Friday editorials. While Al Ra'i commented on the establish-ment of a national bomeland for the Palestinians, Al Dustour discussed the fighting in south Lebanon and Al Sha'b commented on Israel's unwavering expansionist policy demonstrated in the setting up of mnra Jewisb settlements on occupied Arab lands.

AL RA'I, said that the first time the notion of a "National homeland" was mentioned, it was in the Balfour declaration promising the Jews such a bomeland on Arab soil. At present the notion is being rep-eated and aims to establish a national homeland for the Palestinians as a replacement for that which is presently occup-ied by Israel, However, the paper added, there exists one difference between the two examples; one and half million Palestinians ere still living on their lands in spite of the occupation and they play a major role in the Arab'a national struggle with Israel.

Certain parties in the world are talking of giving the Pales-tinians a homeland as if they didn't have one and consider the Palestinians as having gi-ven up their rights to that homeland

Palestinians are not Red Indians, the paper added, and the principle of the legitimacy of conquests, known throughout history, is no longer acceptable in the age of self-determination and buman rights.

Palestine is truely the homeland of the Palestinians and it is part of the greater Arab ho-meland which the present Arab generation has no right to relin-<u>quish</u>

Therefore, to discuss the setting up of a homeland for the Palestinians to replace the Palestinian homeland is just to consecrate the occupation and to provide reasons for a new explosion of the conflict, the paper concluded.

AL DUSTOUR, said the Arab individual cannot explain the fighting going on in south Lebanon but as a blow to the Arab cause, at one of its most delicate stages when It requires

all the solidarity the Arahs can achieve.

The fighting is in the interest of no Arab party whatever their social or political inclina-tions, the paper added, in particular since Israel has started the shelling of the south openly trying to impose itself there and hoping to participate in the future of the south.

The Arab individual should ask if what is happening there at present is just sbeer coincidence or the explosion of the aituation there has just been planned to parallel international peace efforts, to make one wonder if peoce efforts were launched a hit too soon?

The Arabs are requested to end the fighting in south Lebanon, the paper concluded, as time no longer permits its con-tinuation and because the difficult circumstances surrounding the Arab cause require the efforts and potential of all Arabs to enable them to face the present and future.

AL SHA'B, said that with bopes increasing for the poss-ibility of a Middle East settle-

ment, and the nearness of the Geneva Middle East conference, we are witnessing a new intensity in Israel's expansionist policy, confirmed by the Gush Emunim movement's actions and the Israeli government's steps to set up Jewish settlements in the Golan, aro-

und Jerusalem and Beith Jala. This expansionist and settlement policy, the paper added, is in contradition to the spirit of the Geneva conference. The conference will convene to find suitable means to implement U.N. resolutions 242 and 238, which stipulate clearly the withdrawal of Israel from all territories occupied during the 1967 war and which also prevents it from transforming the

nature of the occupied lands. If Israel had the slightest intent of withdrawal, the paper added, it would not have persisted in this settlement policy. The fact confirms and empha-

sises His Majesty's call for an Arab preparation which will place them and the confrontation states in a strong position, making them capable of facing all eventualities which may arise, the paper concluded.

never been charged at all. Now at last moves are being made to release them. But in Basque region Itself the new amnesty will not change the situation overnight,

Much has been done to meet the demands of the Catalans, neighbours of the Basques and quite as fervent in their de-sire for autonomy. Why, then, bas so little been done to pacify the Basques?

The government of Adolfo Suarez is clearly full of good intentions. But the Basque question has resisted easy solutions in the past and may do so again. The first obstacle is the

Spanish horror of separatism, carefully nurtured through 37 years of nationalistic dictatorship. The word is a nightmare for those Spaniards who are not themselves Catalans. Basques, Galicians, Majorcans or Canary Islanders and who prefer the philosophy of the "Patria, one and united" to regional parochialism.

This even outweighs fears communism. Many Spaniards will not he persua-ded that the Basques do not want to form a separate state, united with the three provinces on the other side of the French border, and will fight to stop them baving it. But apart from ETA and

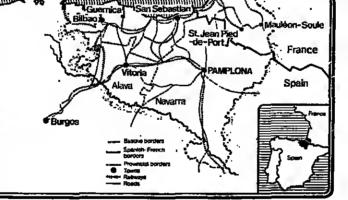
some radical political parties. the majority of Bansues do not want this at all. What they do want is autonomy, including the right to control their own affairs.

"As a people it seems that we are better at throwing stones and petrol bombs than sitting down and talking," says a left-wing journalist. "And I'm afraid that when the time comes to stop fighting and start negotiating we will not know how to begin."

This shows in their politics. The original Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) still exists, and its conservative programme demanding autonomy is expected to appeal to a majority of Basques in the coming elections

But beyond that there is a myraid of fervently nationalistic groups, most of them Marxist, whose contempt for the regime they oppose is matched only by their contempt for each other. The spirit of compromise is conspicuously absent, and this will make it difficult for the opposition to coordi-nate its demands to the central government

Basque nationalism is a jungle of contradictions. The origin of the Basque people is unknown, although they have long been considered one of the oldest races in Europe, with a language unrelated to any



Spanish soldiers, politicians, administrators and financiers have been Basques, whereas the Catalans have always preferred to keep to themselves. Nationalism made its first

appearance at the end of the nineteenth century. But it was not until the 1920s that the notion of a separate or at least autonomous state took a popular hold, and then nnly in cerwill continue.

ancient and impossibly difficult language, but the language schools are unable to cope with the enormous demand for lessons. Meanwhile, the extremist

open-air. ETA still exists. And until the central authority begins serious negotiations with Basque representatives, the violence and tension in this explosive region

east. At Easter, then, Teacher-Rabit felt supremely determined to teach the eggs of truth. He made his way into their holy of holies where they worship the golden Great Egg and smashed it to smithereens. That was his great big mistake. The egg priests feared for their influential jobs now that their god was broken. They were terrified lest Teacher-Rabbit proclaim himself god and appoint other eggs to minister to him. That was the beginning of their conspiracy to do away with him. And it was not difficult to

eggs the truth.

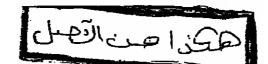
When he was caught, Teacher-Rabbit was hastily tried and found guilty of willfully and deliberately intending to proclaim himself God.

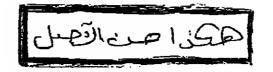
apprehend him since he always slept in the

Of course, the primitive species of humans were routed and the land was freed, for a time, of their menace and the eggs remained subject to the treaty'a condition. Every year at Easter all eggs fear for their lives and run away to hide but if any are found by any rabbit be dutifully smashes their heads together.

When the present, much superior, species of humans appeared and occupied the world, they inherited the stipulations of this treaty. But the rabbits had come a long way since then; they now are much more intelligent. At Easter, any eggs they find loosely wandering about, inavers of the danger, they pick up and hide away from the humans. But, of course, the humans are still more intelligent; they succeed in recovering the hidden eggs and help themselves, in strict accordance with the treaty, to smashing their stubborn and wicked heads together. But that only happens at Factor of the one down in the manufactor of the state Easter -- the one day in the year in which the sun rises in the cast.

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Kenneth Winsor: From Alia pilot to aerial sculptor

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Special to the Jordan Times

When you have been flying all your life, you can't easily forget the frenzy of almost reaching the sun. And even if you come back down to earth, you will go on living in the upper circles... This is the case of Kenneth Winsor, a former Alia pilot, who now -- at the age of 62 -- lives between the blue sky -- as a dreamer -- and the brown clay -- as a sculptor.

INSPIRATION

Kenneth Winsor started his full time artistic life six years ago when he retired. Before, while a pilot, he used to make sculptures in his spare time. He developed this talent long ago when he was studying ar-chitecture in the Massachus-setts Institute of Technology. During War World II he be-came a pilot, but never forgot his first love and his childhood dream: to model bronze and

> must have a strong per-One

KENNETH WINSOR is a rare example of a former pilot in Alia turned sculptor. For him, retirement from aviation marked the beginning of an artistic career. During a recent stay in Amman, the Jordan Times met him to find out what he really is: An expert pilot, hiding a frustrated sculptor or an artist who -- inadvertently -- passed by the cockpit? In fact Kenneth Winsor is skilful on board as well as with his chisels. We also discovered that he had brought with him a small, rough sculpture representing Daedalus and Icarus, which will probably rise up somewhere in Amman.

sonality and be highly intellec-tual to start an artistic career

at the third age. Mr. Winsor is a person of that calibre. So when he stopped flying, this American pilot chose to settle in Pietra Santa, an ancient to-urn in their man flict which

wn in Italy near Pisa, which is the centre of the marble and

bronze craft industry. Michael-

angelo used to come to this

town to buy his marble. The

town is also renowned for its

craftsmen, who know the se-cret of the profession like no

other person.

Kenneth Winsor lives with his wife in an old 14th centu-ry farm-house. Part of it: constitutes his workshop.

AERIAL SCULPTURES

As for the small rough scul-pture representing Daedalus and Icarus, it was on view in office of Alia's head, Mr. Ali Ghandour

The idea of elan is expres-sed through it. Daedalus exte-nds his hand to Icarus, who is storming through the air with his shining helmet and wings spread. Kenneth Winsor expla-ined how he interpreted the legend :

"Even if we have a fantastic idea, it must be well controlled. If not, we can get into serious trouble, like Icarus, the highly spontaneous and ambitious man who flew so near the sun, that the wax holding his wings together melted and he drowned in the sea. In my sculpture Daedalus, who symbolises the experienced and practical mind, is extending his hand to Icarus to try and get him out of that fatal fall." This sculptor conceived ano-

ther ingenious aerial sculpture for the Flying Carpet in Smel-

Police meet starts today

RIYADH, April 8 (JNA). - The fifth conference of Arab public security directers and police leaders starts bere today.

The participants will discuss e number of subjects concern-ing police affairs and means of curbing crime. Jordan's delegation arrived

here yesterday evening beaded Public Security Director

sani. It shows two stylised bedouins sailing on a half-moon.

HAPPY FORMS

Mr. Winsor, who makes flgurative as well as abstract sculptures, also speaks of the way ha feels the material: "You can master bronze well

and express through it light fe-elings and delicate shapes. Stooe fits bulkier creations. Anyhow, as an architect I am primarily preoccupied with well-balanced forms.

"For me, an abstract work is a meticulous treatment of lines, volumes and textures. And oot just the free expression of my mind. I find it much more interesting to face an architectural problem and to have to solve it as a sculptor.

"With bronze, I feel like ca-pturing the essence and the rhythm of an idea, a face or

a place." Mr. Winsor also said that most artists sit and dream, but he himself has no time for dreaming. In fact, he has been dreaming all his life. And all his sculptures ere light, aerial and happy with a metaphysical touch added. He could be called e "spacial expressive art-

This sculptor prefers to li-ghten and beautify life. Bet-ween his hands a piece of rock becomes a floating cloud, clear water pouring from a fountain or a delicate interplay of male and female.

SOUTH KOREAN **COMPANIES DUE** FOR PHOSPHATE NEGOTIATIONS

AMMAN (R). - Representatives of six major South Korean fertiliser companies will come bere April 15 to study the possibility of buying phospha-tes from this country. South Korean Ambassador Sang Yung Sob said that if

they reported favourably on price and quality, it was bop-ed to buy at least JD 330,000

worth e year. This would belp redress the trade imbalance between the two countries, he explained. Last year, Jordan's imports from South Korea totalled JD 3.6 million, but there was virtually no trade in the opposite direction.



Kenneth Winsor, former Alia pilot, stands by his aerial scul-pture depicting the legendary Daedalus and Icarus.

Housing seminar opens here today

AMMAN (JNA). — His High-ness Prince Hassan Saturday The participating delegations presented a total of 35 research morning opens a seminar on papers -- of which eight by housing in the Arab World lordan with the participation of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Egypt, Sudan, Libya, South Yemeo and Pales-Jordan's delegatioo includes, in soldition to Mr. Nebulsi, Pr-

ganised by the Arab Engineers Unioo to discuss housing problems and come up with the

Housing Corporation, Mr. Ha-mdallah Nabulsi, explained that participants will try to reach a practical solution by providing low-cost housing units. He said that the seminar will draw up detailed studies for developing poor quarters in Arab cities and will also dis-

DEC. '76 EXPORTS

TO SAUDI ARABIA JUMP 47%

AMMAN (JNA). -- Jordan's exports to Saudi Arabia last De-cember reached JD 613,000 in comparison with JD 418,000 during the same month of 1975 -- an increase of 47 per cent.

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ALEXANDRIA, April 8 (JNA). - A seminar on Arab agricultural and economic integration has called for the establishment of an Arab agriculture and food council to include officials entrusted with planning, financing and implementing development projects. It also called for the formation of joint Arab marketing councils to advise on and direct the exchange of products and to channel the surplus to needy Arab markets.

The seminar, organised by the Council of Arab Economic Uai-ty in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organisation, also recommended that Arab development and investment funds should provide the necessary financial help to the Palestinian people in the occu-

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Silver Jubilee

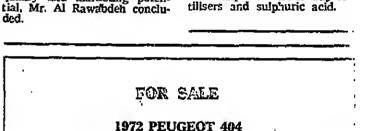
AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of Communications Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh Friday said that his ministry will organise an exhibition of Jordanian commemorative stamps. The date will be fixed later.

The exhibition is to be held as part of the festivities for His Majesty King Hussein's sil-ver jubilee. All philatelists will be able to display their privete collections at the exhibition, the minister added.

A meeting will be beld at the ped 147 per cent as compare: Ministry of Communications Monday, when local philatelists to the same period in 1973, while imports increased 82 cert will discuss the organisation of the exhibit.

The ministry is in the process of setting up a permanent stamp exhibition to enable cember 1975 totalled JD472,007 against JD191,000 in December Jordanians and foreigners elike to review the country's progress, Mr. Al Rawabdeh said,

Imports reached JD 60,000 in December 1976 as against JD 33,000 in 1975. The ministry has also started a campaign to support Jordavegetables, fruit and cigarette nlan stamps and improve their quality and marketing poten-tial, Mr. Al Rawabdeh concluwhile imports were mainly fer-



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cuss the possibility of introdu-cing prefabrication to save time and money.

Jordan'a imports in December amounted to JD 494,000, an 18 per cent increase over the

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of

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Exchange Rates



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Maj.-Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat. He was received upon arrival by Maj.-Gen. Mohammad Ibn Hilal, the Public Security Director of Riyadh and head of the Saudi delegation to the conference.

Next month Prince Hassan will visit Seoul to discuss prospects of South Korean assistance for the five-year plan, the ambassador said.

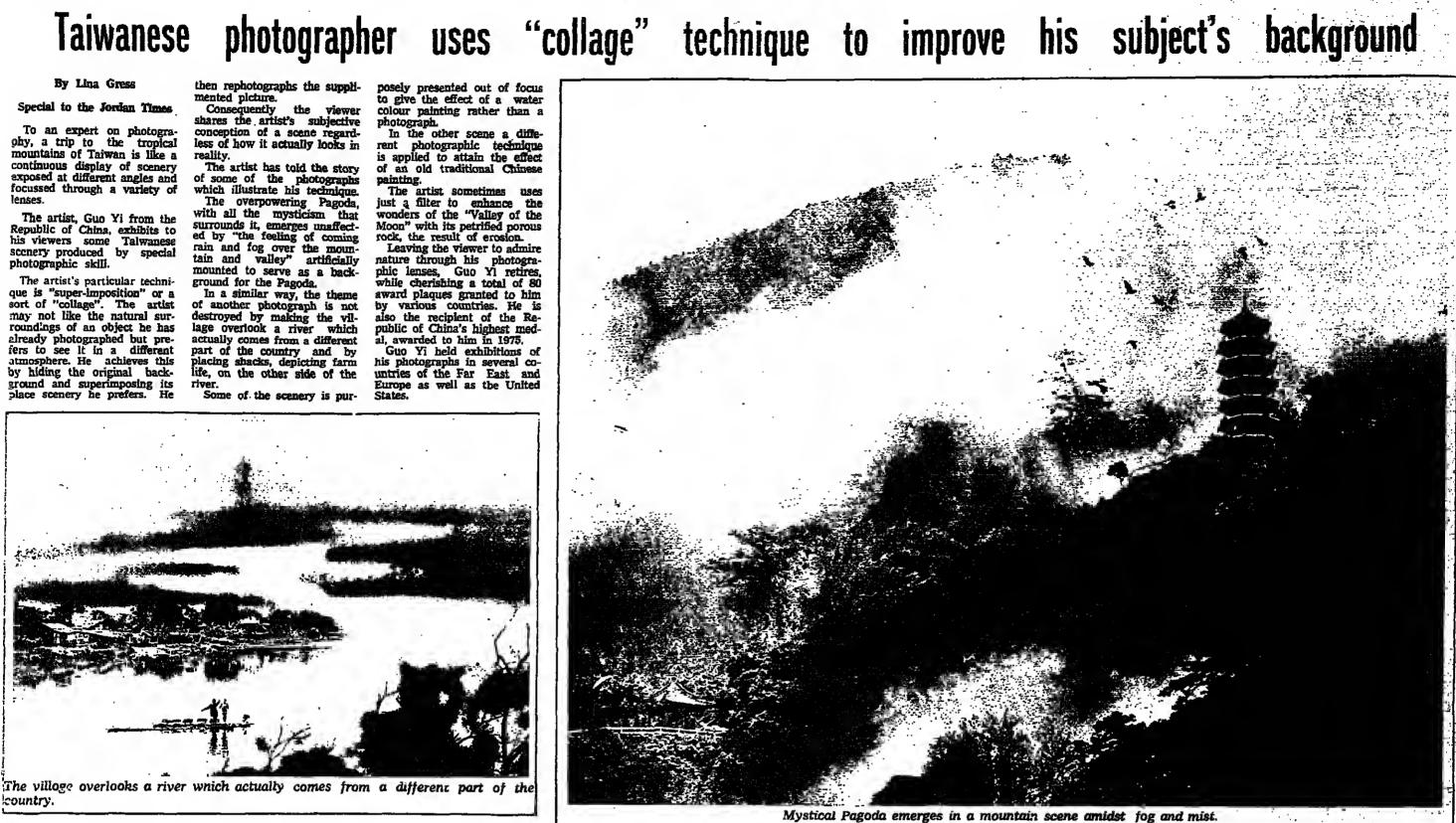
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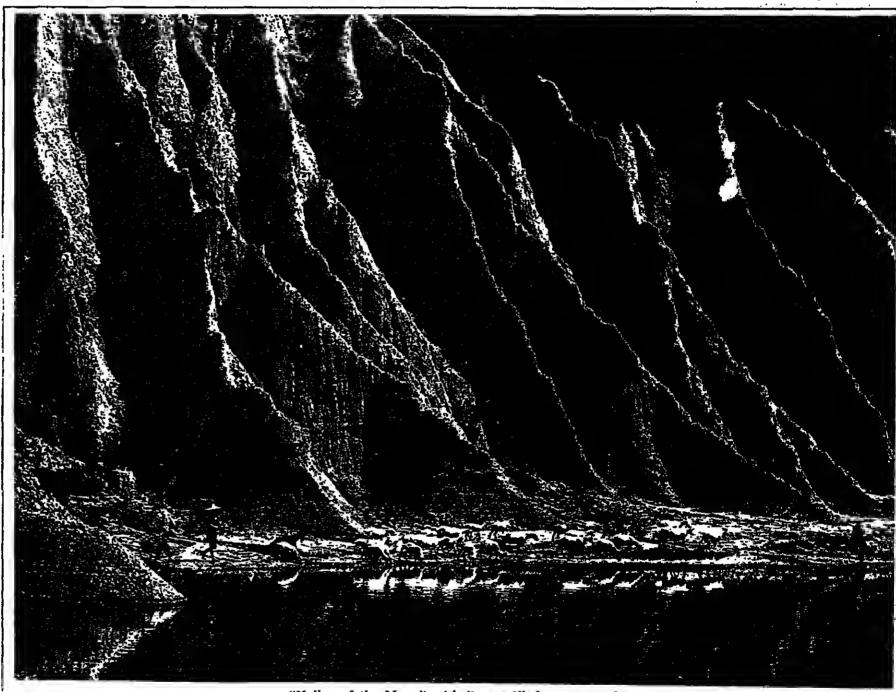
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Lack of guidelines for claims to high seas complicates future hopes of agreement

NEW YORK, N. Y. (CSM). - On what used to be the great, open, high seas, a world scramble for resources is under way.

Although reminiscent on a global scale of the U.S. gold rushes of the 19th century, the consequences are sure to be vastly more far-reaching.

Quietly, without waiting for the drawn-out intricacies of international agreement, coas-tal nations have thrust their claims far out into the waters off their shores.

Very little unrestricted fishing is left within 200 miles of anybody's coastline. In the past three months alone, vast swaths of ocean have been brought under such restrictions by the United States (March 1), the Soviet Union (Dec. 10), and Canada (Jan. 1).

Within a couple of years, the globe's open fishing areas have been nearly halved --with potentially devastating effects for densely populated countries like Japan, which depends heavily on fishing in foreign waters.

The average Japanese eats ten times as much fish as an American. His "kamaboko," a fish cake made from Alaska ocllack, already is soaring in price. His poor man's protein" is in danger of becoming

a rich man's delicacy. Ectuador. Peru, and Chile have long claimed complete territorial control (as opposed to fishing control) 200 miles out to sea. Today, however, 10 counties have advantig countries have abruptly pushed their territorial claims out the full 200 miles.

Five more nations have ex-tended their territorial limits out to either 100, or 130, or 150 miles. Another nine claim cistances varying from 15 to 50 miles out. Nearly all of these

countries. The traditional three-mile territorial sea control has become a minority enclave for holdouts such as the United States, Britain, West Germany, States, Britain, West Germany, rod Japan. The great majority has moved to 12 miles or many more. Further extensions of territorial or fishery limits have been occurring almost daily. This vast seaward shift of national claims has oot yet sunk the United Nations' labourious law of the sea con-ference. The representatives ference. The representatives of more than 70 countries are meeting privately in Geneva to try to resolve the pivotal dis-

pute over deep-sea mineral-mining. The full conference is due to reopen here in New York in May. But the free-for-all prolifera-

tion of claims has sharply reduced the incentive which prompted coastal nations to negotiate the "law of the sea" in the first place. "Most of the coastal states

have gone out and grabbed what they really wanted," says one official.

Like other major maritime nations, the U.S. draws a sharp distinction between simply ex-tending fisheries jurisdiction and the far more drastic step

of extending territoral limits. The latter introduces concepts of national sovereignty, including the least theoretical restrictions on rights of passage by both commercial and military vessels. (Oil and gas on the continental shelf is already claimed by many coastal states under present international

law.) Nonetheless, such important distinctions can get lost as one extension feeds upon another, producing a snowball effect. As a result, oumerous conflicts of overlapping jurisdlc-

are African or Latin American tions now have to be sorted countries. out all around the globe. The traditional three-mile Although a temporary

Although a temporary arrangement has been made between the U.S. and Canada, for instance, major differences remain over fishing rights on remain over fishing rights on the prolific St. Georges Banks off New England and Nova Scotia. The Soviet Union and Norway are haggling over fish-ing rights in the Barents Sea. Japan is deeply concerned lest its dispute with the Soviet Union over the Kurlle Islands be further complicated.

be further complicated. As for the prickly problem of American-Cuban relations, the U.S. has carefully drawn its southern fishery limits along a line equidistant between the two countries. This also will have to be tied down by eventual agreement, although no negotiations currently are under way, The few major coastal states currently are

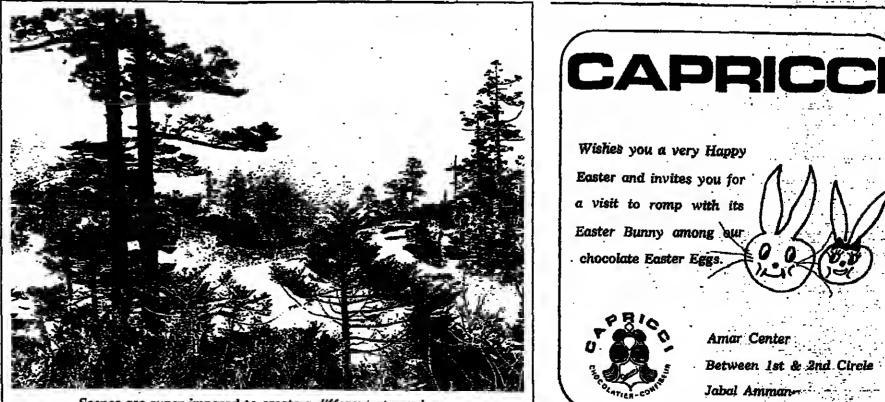
which have not yet greatly ex-panded either their territorial or fishery limits include Aus-tralia, China, and India. The Indian Parliament, however, al-ready has passed enabling legislation for a 200-mile "economic zone," such as is likely

to emerge from any law of the sea agreement. Many national claims would not fit at all into any conceiv-able law of the sea treaty. For instance, African and Latin American nations -- which have made huge territorial

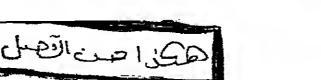
claims out to sea -- would al-most certainly have to pull back. Instead they would only be able to exert narrow authority in the "economic zone." Many national fishery regulations, too, would have to be adjusted -- including those of

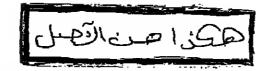
the U.S. With each new national fait accompli, the chances for a law of the sea success are further eroded.

"Valley of the Moon" with its petrified porous rock.



Scenes are super-imposed to create a different atmosphere.





GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF C 1977 by Chicago Tribune

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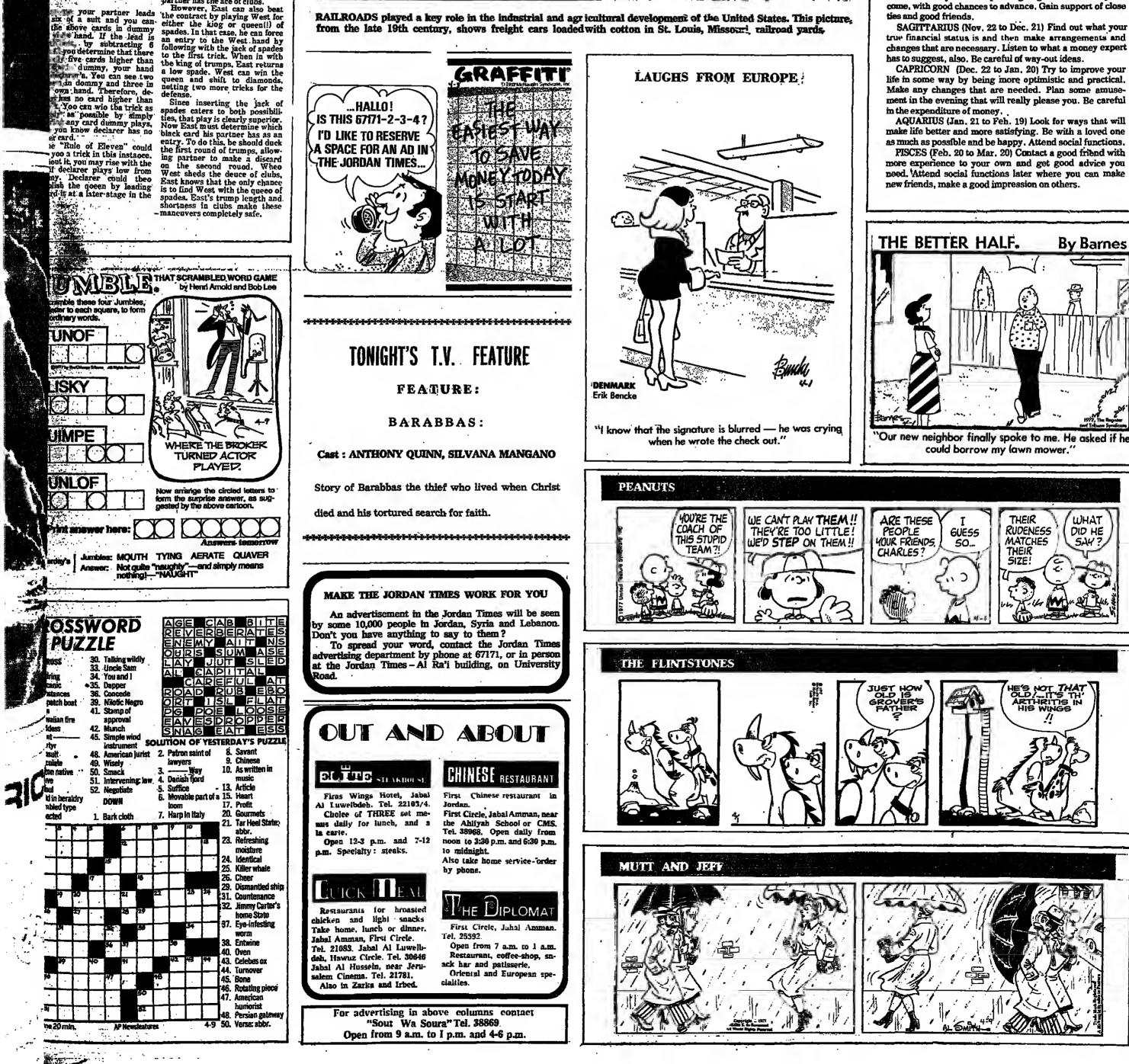
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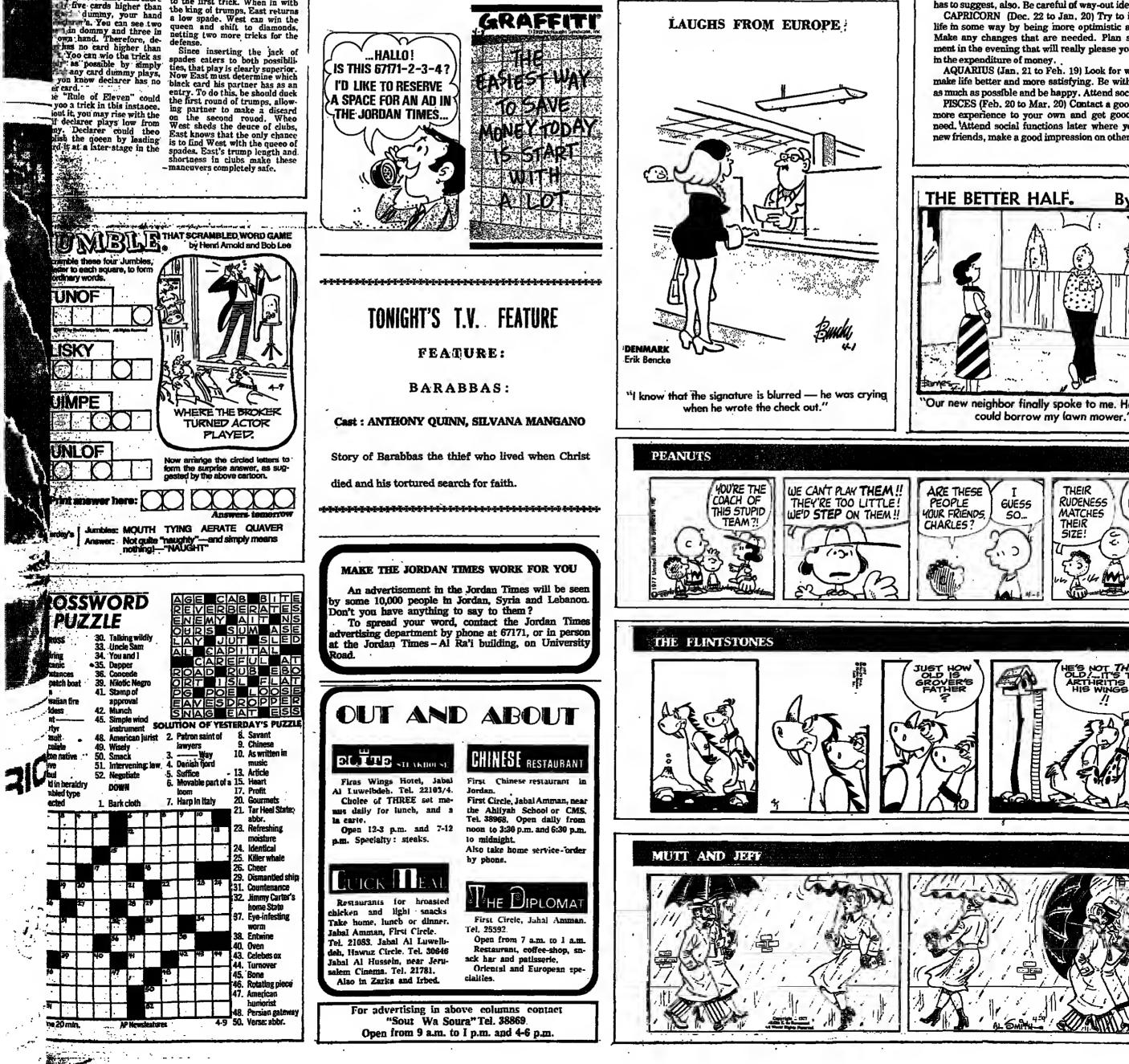
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RAILROADS played a key role in the industrial and agr icultural development of the United States. This picture, from the late 19th century, shows freight cars loaded with cotton in St. Louis, Missouri, railroad yards,





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GENERAL TENDENCIES: There is much confusion in your life at this time so organize your time sensibly and do not yield to daydreaming or illusive ideas. Avoid confron-

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get into credit and business affairs of importance and forget going off on some tangent today that could get you in trouble. Gain the advice of a bigwig for some problem that is difficult for you to solve.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Try to gain the confidence of newcomers now and put unimportant activities aside. Take little trips where you can be inspired anew.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Keep promises made and gain respect and confidence. Show you are conscientious.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Try to cooperate more with associates and you get ahead faster and more pleasantly. Handle some civic matter well and gain prestige.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make sure you know what allies expect of you and try to please them so there is more harmony and mutual success. Do what you can to improve health. Be clever with money.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get into amusements you most enjoy and be happy with congenials. Create more harmony at home with kin. Put finest talents to work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Plan what should be done so that home situation can be easier and more pleasant, comfortable. Find some new interest that will hring in a handsome profit. Think constructively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Good planning at this time will see you accomplishing a good deal in days to come, with good chances to advance, Gain support of close ties and good friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Find out what your true financial status is and then make arrangements and changes that are necessary. Listen to what a money expert has to suggest, also. Be careful of way-out ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan, 20) Try to improve your life in some way by being more optimistic and practical. Make any changes that are needed. Plan some amusement in the evening that will really please you. Be careful

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feh. 19) Look for ways that will make life better and more satisfying. Be with a loved one as much as possible and be happy. Attend social functions.

more experience to your own and get good advice you need. 'Attend social functions later where you can make new friends, make a good impression on others.



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JORDAN TIMES, SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1977

In non-aligned movement meet Cuba attacks South African policy, refrains from mentioning Zaire

NEW DELHI, April 8 (AFP). — Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmiecra Peoli delivered a militant address on Southern Africa to the meeting here of the non-aligned movement's co-ordinating hureau, but refrained

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from mentioning Cuba's dispute with Zaire. Other major speeches at today's session came from Iraqi Minister of State Hamed Al-

wan, who warned delegates against internal quarrels that weakened the movement, and from Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam who spoke at length on Syria'a intervention in Lebanon.

Mr. Peoli made no men-tion of the hreak in relations between his country and Zaire this week after the Zairese go-vernment accused Cuba of sup-porting a month-old rebellion

in southern Zaire. He said U.S. support for the South African government thre-atened the security and independence of countries in the region.

The United States, France and West Germany wanted to ensure that the Cape of Good Hope remained in safe hands,

He criticised the collaboration between the apartheld re-gime in South Africa and Western countries.

Mr. Peoli reiterated Cuba's support for independence mo-vemeots in the French territory of the Affars and the Isas, the Western Sahara, Timor and the Comoro islands.

He also restated Cuba's long-standing complaints about the United States' Trad ? embargo

Eritreans seize 3 towns in 2 weeks

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ECONOMIC AND

KHARTOUM, April 8 (AFP). — Secessionist guerrillas have seized another northern Eritrean town from Ethlopian forces, the third to fall to them in the troubled Red Sea province in two weeks, it was reported here today.

The daily Al Ayyam said the town of Asaapet in Eritrea's Sahel district bordering Sudan fell to the Eritrean People's Liberation Forces (EPLF) on Tuesday night, only two weeks after the guerrillas seized the important centre of Nakfa.

Meanwhile, the Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) today re-ported that the Eritrean town Al Ayyam reported three days ago the fall of Tessenei, a of Metemma in Begemdir province on Sudan's eastern bor-der fell on Tuesday to forces of the opposition Ethiopian defeat which would cost Ethlo-pla the loss of \$16 million worth of crops produced in Democratic Union, a London-

continue to negotiate with the against Cuba and the maintenance of a U.S. naval base on United States "on a legal bathe island at Guatanamo. sis" taking account of the Pa-U.S. involvements which ended U.S. involvement in Vietnam. The Bangladesh representa-tive had earlier suggested The embargo must be lifted before negotiations could start

between tha United States and Cuba aimed at normalising rethe creation of a task force to lations, the minister added. try to solve economic problems He concluded by inviting non-aligned countries to take a firm line in all international in the group on a regional ba-

The meeting'a special comforums and called on oil-produmittees were today continuing their deliberations and sources said several amendments had cing countries in the group to help the other members. The Iraqi delegate pointed out that the movement's credibeen proposed to the moderat-

ely-toned draft final declarability was damaged by internal tion published yesterday. Foreign ministers assigned to prepare for the sixth non-alignsquabbling among members and said some of the resolutions passed during last August's non-aligned summit in Colombo were unrealistic or of a minor vana. will meet in August or September in Belgrade, a diplo-matic source disclosed. nature and others could never be applied.

The Colombo conference did not pay enough attention to the movement's internal difficulties, he said.

Countries in the group sho-uld follow the example of the oil states and form associations of producers of other raw ma-

terials, Mr. Alwan said. Syrian Foreign Minister Kha-ddam referred to the serious and explosive situation in the Middle East, the rights of the Palestinians and what he said was a plot against the Arah nation, the Palestinian cause WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). — U.S. Presideot Carter yesterday and the unity of Lebanon.

That is why we have been forced to resort to military means to pacify the situation in that country," he went on. The final speaker at the ses-sion was Vietnamese Foreign Minister Ngquyen Duy Trinh, who said his government would

ween the Sudanese horder from where the guerrillas ope-

rate and Asmara, the provin-

ce's capital, the paper said, quoting reports reaching Port

The paper's source in the Eritrean Liberation Army stat-ed that the fall of Tessenel to

the Eritreans ended Ethiopia's

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the Eritrean-Sudanese border

to Moscow. Former Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield is to be ambassador to Japan.

Other nominees included Dr. Kingman Brewster, President of Yale University, as Ambassa-dor to Britain, and Mr. Samuel Lewis, a former senior State Department official, as ambassador to Israel.

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It was decided to hold the

preparatory meeting in Yugos-lavia after Mozambique with-

drew as a candidate to be the

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Carter names

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Other new envoys nominated hy Mr. Carter were for Austr-alia, India, Pakistan, Belgium, Kenya and the Seychelles, Iran and Mexico.

All nominations are subject to Senate confirmation.

Mr. Carter did not indicate whether Mr. Malcolm Toon, now amhassador to the Soviet Union, would remain in that post or would he succeeded by another envoy.

Most of the nominees ara highly experienced as diplomats or administrators.

Mr. Mansfield, an expert on Japan and the Far East, has stated repeatedly that Japan is a pillar in U.S. foreign policy.

BUSINESS



INVESTIGATING -- An expert investigates a motorcycle from which assassins fired a sub-machinegun at West GerminiFederal Prosecutor Siegfried Bub ack Thursday morning. Herr Buback's car appears alonguide the assassins' motorcycle with their helmets on its seat. The picture was taken at the Federal Office of Investigation in Wiesbaden Friday.

W. GERMANY LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE HUNT FOR BUBACK'S KILLERS

KARLSRUHE, West Germany. April 8 (R). - A nationwide hunt was in full swing today for the killers of federal pro-aecutor Siegfried Buback, the men who indicted the Baader-Meinhof urban guerilla leaders.

Police today named three men they want to question in connection with the assasaina-

The Federal Prosecution Office and the Federal Police Headquarters said Gueoter So-nnenherg, 22, Christian Klar, 24, and Knut Folkerts, 25, were being sought by police,

The three, suspected of being violent anarchists, were alrea-dy on the wanted list for other crimes.

Today's police statement sa-id the strongest suspicions were centred on Sonnenberg. He and Klar were suspected of shooting a border official at-the West German-Swiss frontier on Jan. 5 when they were stopped for a check.

One Lian detained last night was later released after questioning. He had been riding a motorbike similar to the Japanese-huilt type used in the shooting.

Interpol was also alerted in the bunt for the killers.

Herr Buback, 57, was assas-sinated while being driven to work yesterday morning. The pillion passenger on a motor-cycle fired a burst of suhmachinegun fire into his limousine while it waited at traffic lights near his office here.

just outside Karlsruha. The hired 750-CC machine had been fitted with false number Police and paramilitary border guards began a hunt through the whole country including border crossing points, plates. whare the heavy easter holiday traffic was delayed and at civil A special government crisis squad, led by Foreign Minister airports. Hans-Diethich Genscher, met in Bonn to discuss the case and Police sources said the

search had been concentrated 200,000 marks (£50,000) for m-formation leading to the arrest on the Karlsruhe area, with a close watch ordered on the homes and meeting places of anarchists and extremists, of the killers. Police sources said the kil-lers were believed to be mem-

Japanese motorcycle The which the killers used was later found abandoned behind the pillar of an autobahn hridge

> Italian police investigates bomb attack

ROME, April 8 (R). - Italian police were today investigating several anonymous telephone calls from people claiming res-ponsibility for the kidnapping of politician's son Guido de MOSCOW, April 8 (R). - Cu-ban President Fidel Castro flew home today after a behind-the-Martino or a bomb attack yesterday on the interior miscenes meeting with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and detailed Kremlin talks which

nister's private office. Anonymous callers from both left and rightwing extremist groups said they knew the whereabouts of the 34-year-old son of former Socialist leader Guido de Martino, kidnapped in Naples on Tuesday night.

It was only after Dr. Castro had left hy air for Havana that the Cuhan embassy disclosed that he had met Mr. Arafat yesterday leader of the Pales-Demanding huge ransoms or tine Liberation Organisation (PLO), who has been visiting Moscow for talks with Soviet the hroadcasting of political messages, callers variously reported that Signor de Martino la out in a concrete-mixer truck destined for Calabria, and dead in a plastic bag in Milan. In Rome police were trying to trace the person who managed to enter a locked apartment block to place a power-ful time homb outside the door of Interior Minister Francesco Cossiga'a office. Nobody was hurt in the explosion, and Signor Cossiga was elsewhere in a cabinet meeting at the time. Police have found no firm evidence to connect the kidnapping with yesterday's bomb attack.

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Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

ISLAMABAD, April 8 (AFP). -Pakistani Prime Minister Zul-fikar Ali Bhutto is considering 'fresh proposals" of a veteran opposition politician to break the deadlock between the government and the nine party opposition Pakistan National Aliance (PNA), officials said

today. The proposals came from Maulana Abú Aala Maudoodi, founder of the "Jamaat-I-Islami", a major component of the opposition coalition. Maulana Maudoodi had suggested that Mr. Bhutto lift the six years old emergency and release po-litical prisoners to create a a "congenial atmosphere" for a dialogue between the opposi-tion and the government.

Significantly, the Maulana did not call for immediate fresh elections which has been the main pre-condition of the

PNA for entering into any par-leys with Mr. Bhutto. According to officials here, the proposals were being given. "due consideration" by the government.

However observers noted that the acting president of the alliance, Nawabzada Naslater announced a reward of rullah Khan, has already made it clear at a press conference that Maulana Maudoodi was speaking for himself and had not consulted the PNA leader-ship before putting forward, his ideas".

Mr. Nasrullah said "the PNA will continue Its struggle till its demands for resignation of Prime Minister Bhutto and fresh general elecions are accepted

> LAHORE, Pakistan, April 8 (— Three former parliament ians of the ruling Pakistan F ples Party today announ they were leaving it to fail

a new party.

The announcement crillar three bours after Prime M lar ster Zulfikar All Bhutto co rmed to reporters that some

bis party members were ur And ". . ppy, but he blamed this on fine that sonal disappointment at delute m in the polis or non-inclusion of the bis cabinet. red Pake to

But Western diplomats said they believed policy in Africa had been the major issue, with Dr. Castro and President Podgorny comparing notes after their recent African tours.

There was also a hint in offtaken as confirmation of chizan in ges that he had rigged the call he is troversial March 7 polls which March icial reports that Dr. Castro briefed Kremlin leaders on re-. his party won. cent moves towards better rela-W 0 9157. ⊃ the city. tions between his country and The three former M.P.s. v^{3, the loans} announced tha new party g⁻³³ (care a news conference here were a comman med Raza Kasuri, Hamid Yr² Mai Ii and Fida Hasan. With the set toler was Taj Mohammad Lang be benat the United States. Dr. Castro's meeting with Senor Corvalan, who was excha-nged in December for Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky, was understood to have lasted Deputy Secretary General at occu the Punjab Provincial Peor de Palea Party. for over an hour. Details were not disclosed, but observers said one question Finas with they probably discussed was what Cuba could do to help They said the new party ment uld be known as the Pakiston Abu Chilean communists in opposing the military junta of Pre-sident Augusto Pinochet. Awami Jamhoori Party (Paler Popular tan Peoples Democratic Param of P.

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Castro meets Arafat, concludes Moscow visit cussed future Soviet and Cu-

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Non-aligned nations warn against CIEC failure

post at a time of some strain over Japan's massive trade su-

The prosecutor and his driver died immediately. A bodyguard travelling with them was serlously wounded.

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leaders on the Middle East. No details of the meeting were issued hut observers said the Cuban leader was likely to have given Mr. Arafat a personal assurance of Cuban support for the Palestinian cause. Sl-milar to a pledge of back-ing, the PLO leader received yesterday from Communist Pa-

apparantly concentrated on So-

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la group, five of whose alleged

leaders went on trial in

Stuttgart two years ago under an indictment supervised hy

Herr Buback.

rty leader Leonid Brezhnev. Dr. Castro, who has met with exiled Chilean Communist Luis Corvalan, was seen off by top Soviet leaders.

Soviet leaders took part in the talks with Dr. Castro on Tuesday and Wednesday, when they were helieved to have dis-

d fight ins Sisins Wil

NEW DELHI, April 8 (AFP). — The nonaligned countries are of the view that failure of the Paris Conference on International Economic Cooperation (CIEC) might lead to "serious

YUGOSLAVIA **BANS TRADE WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN** COMPANIES

BELGRADE, April 7 (AFP). - Yugoslavia today announc ed a han on Yugoslav firms trading with foreign companies owned or run hy Yugoslav "political emigres".

The move was aimed at stopping economic corruption and wastaga in the country's trade with foreign countries. The Belgrade daily Novosti said today that It particularly affected Belgrade firms which have some 660 offices or agen-cies ahroad -- 88 per cent which were in Western countries.

Meanwhile, in a report on s seminar on criminality being held in Cavtat oo the Adriatic cost, the Yugoslav Agency Tanjug sald that in the last two years there had been 200 cases of illicit economic dealings. In these illegalities 300 Yugoslav companies and 45 banks which trade with 1,200

foreign firms and 29 hanks had been implicated, Tanjugn said. quoting Interior Vice Minister Ilija Jovovic.

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MARKET REPORTS

Since financial markets are closed on Good Friday, the

Wall Street and London market reports, as well as the gold

repercussions" on the relations between the developed and developing countries".

A draft report, submitted to the conference of foreign ministers of oon-aligned coordinating hureau, proposea that an initi-ative be taken by the non-aligned movement, taking into account the current trends and international economic negotiations, to elaborate a strategy for the third development decade. The bureau emp-hasisea that "a framework other restrictions. should be drawn up taking into account the longer-term needs of developing countries for the establishment of the new international ecocomic order."

The document, says that developing countries continue to face "an acute crisis" both with regard to the attainment and maintenance of minimal living standards of their peoples and their prospects of deve-lopment. There has been parctlcally no change in this situation during the period since the Colombo summit.

"While the economies of developed countries are showing signs of recovery, developing countries continue to face adverse circumstances, both as regards their external trade and their growth prospects. The inequalities and imbalances in the international economic structure and the widening gap between developed and developing countries remain unchanged," it said

Tha draft says that the anti-inflationary measures taken by inadequate and lasted for a very short time. Also, its spethe developed countries have cial fund never became opera-tive. The oil facility, which, only worsened the plight of the developing countries. It has resulted in the continued pay-ment of higher prices by the latter for their imports while too, was inadequate, was ter-minated in spite of repeated re-quests for its extension. their own exports earnings are hit by the lack of rise in demand in the developed coununtries for the lack of progtries. In addition non-tariff barress at the Paris conference on riers are imposed against their economic cooperation. This was exports by developed countries, apart from intensifying similar due to the failure of develop-

The document says the U.N. emergency operation to help

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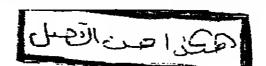
HARTOUM, April 8 (R). - The Arab Bank for Economic A Development in Africa has granted Rwanda a loan of \$5 million to finance a five-year rural development programme, it was announced here. The loan agreement was signed here today by the Rwandese Planning Minister, Mr. Jean Chrysostoma Nduhungirehe, and the president of the bank, Dr. Chedly Ayari.

WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). -Wholesale prices in the United W States rose 1.1 per cent in March, the sharpest monthly in-crease since October 1975, the Labour Department reported yesterday. The rise followed Febraury's 0.9 per cent jump and translates into an annual rate of increase of ab ost 13 per cent. Food and fuel prices led the upsurge, as A erica's harsh winter weather continued to take its economic toll.

VIENNA, April 8 (R). - Austrian import duties on tropical products from some 100 developing countries are to be lifted or drastically cut from July 1 under a draft law before parliament. Tha changes would affect various spices, tinned fruits, ground coffee, coconuts, cocoa beans, almonds, fruit juices and certain types of mussels and fish. The import concessions come within the framework of proposals put forward at GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) talks in Tokyo starting

MOSCOW, April 8 (AFP). — Cuba will this year start building its first nuclear power station, rated 1,700 megawatts, with assistance from Soviet engineers, Tass news agency said today. The Agency reported that the East European Economic Commu-nity, Comecon, of which Cuba is a member, will have a total nuclear power capacity of around 30,000 megawatts by the year

NEW DELHI, April 8 (AFP). - India and Pakistan hope to ex-pand their trade as a result of talks starting here on Monday, it was officially announced today. Diversification will be a main theme at these official talks. Trade was resumed in January 1975 after an agreement in Islamabad.



100,000 southern Lebanese leave their homes

BINT JBEIL, Lehanon, April 8 (R). — More than four According to leftwing esti-

months of intermittent abelling and rocketting have reduced this once thriving market place 1.) a ghost town ahandoned hy its civilian population.

Since last November, the population of Bint Jbeil has brunk from about 35,000 to 2,000, according to local militiry commanders.

south across the River Litani, lears to be a major offensive line" beyond which Israel has

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

UWAIT, April 8 (AFP). - Saudi Arabla and Kuwait are trying to aettle the delimitation of their maritime frontiers, the Kuwaiti daily Al Watan reported today.

PAIRO, April 8 (R). - British Foreign Minister Dr. David Owen is scheduled to visit Egypt April 26 for talks on the Middle East crisis and the role of the European Community when Geneva peace conference reconvenes, the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram reported today.

WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). — Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Do-hrynin met Secretary of State Cyrus Vance here yesterday for the first discussions since Mr. Vance's inconclusive talks in Moscow on strategic arms limitation last week.

WIENNA, April 8 (R). - Turkish-Cypriot negotiator Umit Onan left for London today after week-long discussions here on a future federal government for Cyprus. Mr. Onan said his visit to London was "purely private"

DEIRUT, April 8 (R). - Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdul Hamid Al Beijan left Beirut today for Kuwait for consultations with his government. Informed sources said he would return to Beirut next Tuesday.

TRIPOLI, Libya, April 8 (R). — Five people, one of them an Egyptian, were publicly executed in Benghazi today for "terro-rist sabotage" in Benghazi port and city. Libya's Arab Revolu-tionary News Agency (ARNA) reported.

AIRO, April 8 (AFP). - The French language Cairo newspaper Progres Egyptien said today that Egypt could turn back to the Soviet Union should the United States refuse military aid.

against Israeli supported right- said it would not allow any non Lebanese Arab forces, Gaping holes torn into Bint Jbeil'a empty bouses by 105 and 120 mm shells fired from rightist mates in Beirut, about 100,000 civilians have been driven from positions further north and Israeli batteries across the bortheir homes by ground fighting and artillery duels during the der underline the plight of a region which enjoyed a mea-sure of peace through much of the 19 month civil war. The civil war in the south cootinued unahated after tro-

"Wa are coming under artillery attack two to three times a week," said commander Jihad of Fateh, the largest Palestinian commando group. Fateh forms the backbone of military forces in the area. The shelling has emptied Bint Jbeil's once bustling stre-

ets as civilians shuttered their houses and left for safer areas.

Although there are only about 400 families left in Bint Jbeil the exodus continues. Cars and trucks piled high with bedsteads and personal belongings are a common sight on the road snaking up from the southern port of Tyre through harsh mountains.

But among the few who have decided to remain, morale is said to be high. "There was dancing in the main square on Wednesday when news reached here of the fall of Taybeh to our forces," commander Jihad said.

Taybeh, 18 kms north of here, was overrun by the right last week and recaptured in savage hand to-hand combat.

Earlier this week the exodus of civilians from the Bint Jbeil area gained fresh mo-mentum when the right assaulted the nearby village of Aytaroun in an unsuccessful Offensive.

But local commanders here say Bint Jbeil itself was never in danger.

Leftwing and Palestinian groups defending tha Moslem town range from Lebanese communists and supporters of. the Iraqi Baath Party to mili-

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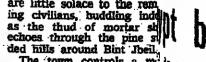
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